

Docket No. 1636-0021-0

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kenichi HIRAOKA

SERIAL NO: 09/547,223

FILED: April 11, 2000

FOR: METHOD OF PREVENTING BROWNING OF DARKENING OF FISH METHOD OF TREATING  
BROWNE OR DARKENED FISH

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment with marked up copy in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Petition for Extension of Time (1-month), Technical Reference (Webster's Dictionary)

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	26	MINUS	20	6	× \$9 =	54.00
INDEPENDENT	6	MINUS	6	0	× \$84 =	\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$280 =	\$0.00
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity				\$0.00
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		TOTAL				\$54.00

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of August 10, 2001, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Amended) A method of preventing whole fish from browning or darkening, which comprises treating the whole fish with an aqueous alkali solution of a compound selected from the group consisting of sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, calcium hydroxide, calcium oxide, magnesium carbonate, ammonium carbonate, sodium carbonate,